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Let L denote a non-empty countable relational language (this entails no loss of generality): $L = (R_i)_{i \in I}$ where I is a non-empty countable index set and R_i is an n_i -ary relation symbol. Denote by X_L the space

$$X_L = \prod_{i \in I} 2^{\mathbb{N}^{n_i}}.$$

We view the space X_L as the space of countably infinite L -structures.

A *fragment* F of $L_{\omega_1\omega}$ is a set of formulas in $L_{\omega_1\omega}$ containing all atomic formulas, closed under subformulas, negation, quantifiers and finite conjunctions and disjunctions.

Definition 0.1. For $\varphi(= \varphi(\bar{v}))$ a formula of $L_{\omega_1\omega}$ and \bar{s} a finite sequence from \mathbb{N} of appropriate length (i.e, $\bar{s} \in {}^{|\Delta\varphi|}\omega$), let

$$Mod(\varphi, \bar{s}) = \{x \in X_L : \mathcal{U}_x \models \varphi[\bar{s}]\},$$

where $\varphi[\bar{s}]$ denotes the sentence obtained from the formula $\varphi(\bar{v})$ by substituting \bar{s} for the free variables. (If φ is a sentence, we write $Mod(\varphi)$ for $Mod(\varphi, ())$).

Let t_F be the topology on X_L generated by $\mathcal{B}_F = \{Mod(\varphi, \bar{s}) : \varphi \in F, \bar{s} \in {}^{|\Delta\varphi|}\omega\}$. By a result of Sami (See [4]), t_F is a Polish topology on X_L .

Let F be a fragment of $L_{\omega_1\omega}$. We say that $x, y \in X_L$ (or *their corresponding structures*) are *separable in F* , if there is $\varphi \in F$ such that $|\varphi^x| \neq |\varphi^y|$, where $\varphi^x = \{\bar{s} \in {}^{|\Delta\varphi|}\omega : \mathcal{U}_x \models \varphi[\bar{s}]\}$. (It is clear that if two structures are separable in some fragment, then they are non-isomorphic). Notice that, if φ is a sentence, then for all x , either φ^x is empty or else contains only the empty sequence.

For F a fragment

$$E_F = \{(x, y) \in X_L \times X_L : \text{For all } \varphi \in F, |\varphi^x| = |\varphi^y|\}.$$

Theorem 0.2. For F a countable fragment of $L_{\omega_1\omega}$, E_F is Borel in the product topology $(X_L, t_F) \times (X_L, t_F)$.

For every $\varphi \in F$ which is not a sentence, select a bijection $\mu_\varphi : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow {}^{|\Delta\varphi|}\omega$. If φ is a sentence, let μ_φ be the constant map from \mathbb{N} to \mathbb{N} that sends everything to 1 (a value that cannot be the empty sequence). It is clear that, for a set $X \subseteq {}^{|\Delta\varphi|}\omega$,

$$X \text{ is infinite iff } (\forall n)(\exists m > n)\mu_\varphi(m) \in X.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
|X| = |Y| \in \omega &\iff (\exists n)(\exists f, g \in \text{Inj}(n, {}^{\Delta\varphi}\omega))(f^*(n) = X \wedge g^*(n) = Y) \\
&\implies (\exists n)(\exists f, g \in \text{Inj}(n, {}^{\Delta\varphi}\omega))(f^*(g^{-1}(Y)) = X \wedge \\
&\quad g^*(f^{-1}(X)) = Y) \\
&\implies (\exists n)(\exists f, g \in \text{Inj}(n, {}^{\Delta\varphi}\omega))(X \subseteq f^*(n) \wedge Y \subseteq g^*(n) \\
&\quad \wedge g^{-1}(Y) = f^{-1}(X)) \\
&\implies (\exists n)(\exists f, g \in \text{Inj}(n, {}^{\Delta\varphi}\omega))(|X| = |f^{-1}(X)| \wedge |Y| = \\
&\quad |g^{-1}(Y)| \wedge |g^{-1}(Y)| = |f^{-1}(X)|) \\
&\implies |X| = |Y| \in \omega.
\end{aligned}$$

$$f^*(g^{-1}(Y)) = X \iff (\forall t)[t \in X \iff g(f^{-1}(t)) \in Y].$$

Now we are ready to prove our main theorem.

Corollary 0.3. *Let T be a first order theory in a countable language. If T has an uncountable set of pairwise separable (in any countable fragment of $L_{\omega_1\omega}$) countable models, then it has such a set of size 2^{\aleph_0} (and so has 2^{\aleph_0} non-isomorphic countable models).*

The above corollary can have other versions. We can talk about any set of models of T whose corresponding set of codes is G_δ in X_L . For example, suppose we are given a certain countable family, $\{\Gamma_i : i < \omega\}$, of non-isolated n -types ($n \in \omega$) of T (see [3]).

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